

**State Project No. 12-96
Federal Aid Project No. (CN) PEDS (169)
Construction of Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path**

Towns of Manchester and Bolton

**Public Information Meeting
Held at the Bolton Town Hall
Thursday, February 27, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

Minutes

Prior to Presentation: Color plans were displayed for the 6:30 p.m. informal question and answer session prior to the 7:00 p.m. formal Public Informational Meeting. The meeting was attended by approximately 60 members of the public.

Presentation: The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. A detailed PowerPoint presentation was delivered by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) personnel depicting the revised design of the Charter Oak Greenway shared use path (path) pedestrian bridge crossing over Route 6/44 in the Town of Bolton.

The presentation covered the following:

- ⇒ Project history
- ⇒ Project update, creating two Projects, (Project Nos. 76-217 & 12-96) separated at Finley Street in the Town of Manchester
- ⇒ Need for a revised pedestrian bridge crossing location
- ⇒ Revised design including: a new pedestrian bridge crossing location, construction of an access to the path from the commuter parking lot and a maintenance driveway for access to the property owned by Bolton Senior Community, LLC
- ⇒ The estimated construction cost of the project is \$9 million, funded with 80% Federal funds and 20% State funds
- ⇒ Construction is expected to begin in spring 2016, and be completed in summer 2018

Public Comments, Questions, and Answers: The meeting was attended by Representative Pamela Sawyer of the 55th District, Bolton First Selectman Robert Morra, Ms. Joyce Stille, Town Administrative Officer, several Town officials, a number of bike/pedestrian advocates, and approximately 60 members of the public. Selectman Morra read a letter from State Senator Steve Cassano of the 4th District in support of the revised pedestrian bridge crossing and thanking the Department. Representative Sawyer thanked the Department and

the Town officials, and asked the Department to consider extending the path farther east to the intersection of Route 44 and Quarry Road. There were a variety of questions from the public:

- ⇒ Extending the project limits easterly towards Quarry Road. A separate project is being initiated to accomplish this, so that this project will not be delayed.
- ⇒ At grade crossing at the I-384 eastbound exit 5 off-ramp. The safety of the crossing was described to the satisfaction of the attendees.
- ⇒ Appearance of the proposed bridge. The bridge will be painted steel with a concrete surface.
- ⇒ Project funding. Funding is available but does not get obligated until the design is completed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Summary: The path and revised pedestrian bridge crossing were unanimously supported by the Town and those in attendance.